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Man Poses as *Tech* Reporter at Dorms

By Frank Dabek
NEWS EDITOR

An individual misrepresenting himself as a reporter for *The Tech*, a Northeastern student, and a freshman was seen at several dormitory rush events yesterday.

The individual, who identified himself as Dan Preston, talked with residents and participated in events but caused no damage or harm beyond raising the suspicions of residents. He was later asked to leave campus by Campus Police.

Jennifer A. Frank '00, rush chair of East Campus, said that Preston was at East Campus' carnival during the afternoon. "He was being helpful, so it didn't bother me that he was around," she said.

Frank described Preston as around six feet tall, 165 pounds, with glasses and a scraggly beard. She said that Preston dyed his beard green at EC's carnival.

According to Frank, Preston claimed that he was a freelance reporter for *The Tech*. Frank said that it was "obvious that he wasn't a freshmen, EC resident, or alum."

In fact, *The Tech* has no freelance reporters, according to Josh Bittker '99, chairman of *The Tech*.

James W. Clark '99, a rush worker at EC, said that Preston was "friendly" and "helped us cook at the grill... flipping burgers."

Preston was later seen at Baker House where Misha K. Hill G said that Preston identified himself as a "Northeastern University graduate student helping *The Tech* out with rush stories." Hill said that Preston took a tour of Baker and left. Preston "didn't cause any problems," he said.

Hill doubted Preston's story when he noticed that the supposed Northeastern student was wearing a Boston College shirt and a UMass hat.

Later in the evening, around 8 p.m., Preston was seen at Next House posing as a freshman. Susan L. Yan '01, Next House rush chair, said that Preston was seen at the dorm "just talking to frosh and rush workers."

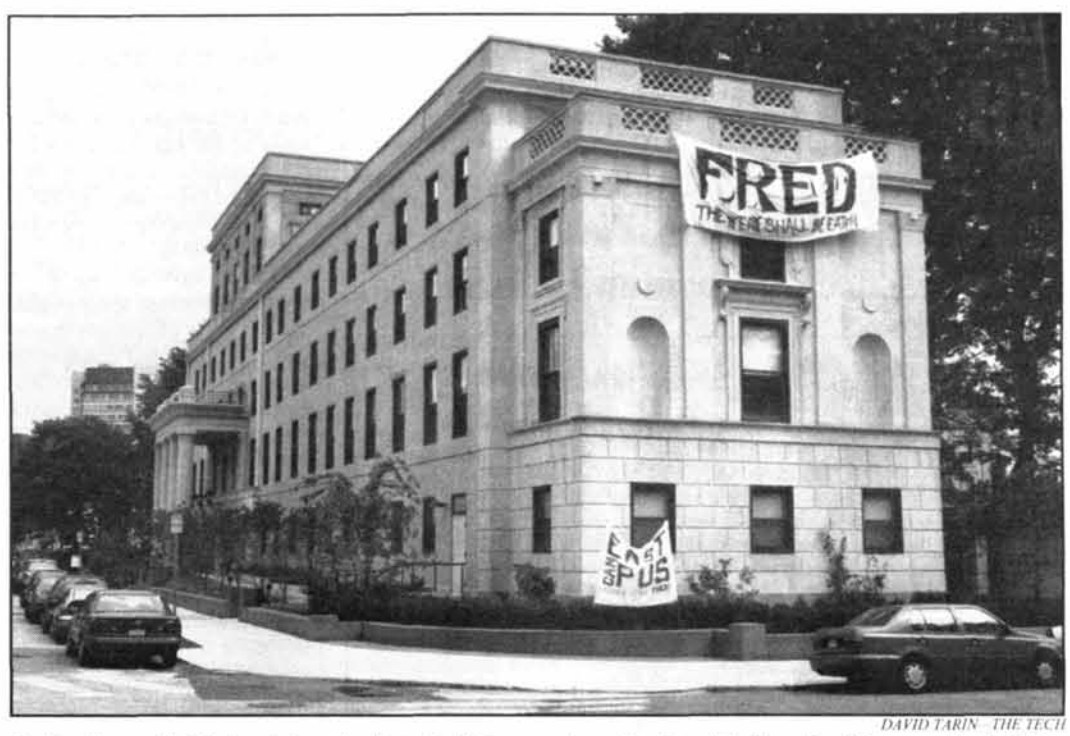
Yan said that dorm workers interrogated Preston and received questionable answers. Preston reported that he was planning to major in "solar engineering," and had already obtained a job through the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program.

He also claimed he was born in Germany, though dorm workers noted that Preston did not have a German accent.

Yan instructed her workers to detain Preston, who expressed interest in seeing rooms, on the first floor. She then called the CPs who asked him for identification and searched him. The CPs then asked Preston to leave the campus.

Chief of Campus Police Anne P. Glavin said that she had "no incident reports" concerning Preston but did say that there had been a report of an individual pretending to be a student who was asked to leave a "game room" in a west campus living group. She was not sure if this individual was Preston.

Glavin said that living groups experiencing problems with intruders not affiliated with MIT should contact Campus Police.



DAVID TARIN—THE TECH

Senior House fights back by stealing East Campus's rush sign. Earlier, East Campus had stolen Senior House's traditional "Sport Death" sign.

Grad Orientation Costs Increase

By Brett Altschul
NEWS EDITOR

Although much attention has focused on the extensive changes to the undergraduate orientation process, new graduate students will also go through a somewhat different orientation this year.

The cost of graduate orientation roughly doubled this year, said Julie G. Lively G, one of the organizers of graduate orientation.

"There was a proposal that was put together and was endorsed by a number of people around campus," to increase spending on orientation, she said. "We solicited graduate departments for funding." The funds are still being collected, so the increased cost to the Office of Graduate Education is not yet known, she said.

Graduate orientation is still far less expensive that the undergraduate version, she said. "The bulk of [the funding increase] was for renting a tent."

About 1,000 incoming graduate students participate in an orientation program organized by the Graduate Student Council. The other 500 new graduate students in the Sloan School of Management go through a separate orientation process.

Unlike undergraduate orientation, the graduate program has no housing component. The centerpiece will be held on Thursday in Kresge Oval, Lively said. This new event was "funded in part by departments," she said. "Without their support, it couldn't happen."

Activities and athletics show off

The major event on Thursday begins with an activities carnival and information fair, a new event this year. It will last most of the afternoon, until 5 p.m.

The carnival is aimed at "showcasing graduate clubs," Lively said. It will have a "different tilt" than

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Margaret Wong '02 takes a break from rush to make jewelry at Burton-Conner House yesterday.

John Curry Named New Executive Vice President

By Dan McGuire
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

John R. Curry, vice-president for business and finance at the California Institute of Technology, has agreed to fill a newly formed position as MIT's executive vice-president on November 15.

The position is in some ways a superset of the job filled by Senior Vice President for Operations William R. Dickson '56 until his retirement earlier this year.

"Curry will be Vest's chief deputy on the administrative or business side of MIT," said Nancy D. Kelly, administrative officer in the President's Office, who served as the staff to the advisory committee which helped select Curry to fill the post.

Added to the new position is responsibility for the area of financial planning and management. Previously, the vice-president for finance and treasurer reported directly to the president about these issues..

According to a press release announcing the new position, Curry will be responsible for operations, financial management and planning, human resources management, information systems, and resource development.

Curry brings vast experience

Curry comes to MIT with a background in finance. At Caltech, he was responsible for overseeing

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Concourse, the Experimental Studies Group, and the Integrated Studies Program offer freshmen different ways of learning core subjects.

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Having roommates is a valuable learning experience.

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WORLD & NATION

North Korea Fires Missile Toward Japan

LOS ANGELES TIMES

TOKYO

North Korea fired a ballistic missile into the Sea of Japan Monday in an unexpected and provocative test that came even as U.S. negotiations with the North Koreans were reportedly making headway.

U.S. military authorities informed the Japanese that the missile had been fired shortly after noon, and landed in the Sea of Japan, roughly 240 miles offshore from the Noto Peninsula, at 12:12 p.m. Monday, according to Tatsuhiko Fukui, a spokesman for the Japanese Defense Agency.

In a similar missile test in 1993, North Korea rattled the Japanese military establishment by firing a medium-range Rodong missile into the Sea of Japan. Japanese Self Defense Forces reportedly failed to detect that missile until they were informed by U.S. forces.

News of the missile test followed an upbeat report from Seoul on Sunday that North Korea, in negotiations with the United States in New York, had said it may allow an inspection of a huge underground construction site at which U.S. intelligence sources fear that an underground nuclear facility is being built.

Pending Elections, West Eases Pressure on Bosnian Reform

THE WASHINGTON POST

SARAJEVO

With key national elections nearing in this ethnically divided country, some of the Western nations that oversee Bosnia's governance have put off trying to accelerate the pace of political reform for fear of inflaming nationalist sentiment and inadvertently promoting a victory by opponents of ethnic reintegration, senior U.S. officials said here Monday.

But this lull will end once results of the Sept. 12-13 presidential and parliamentary elections are in, the officials predicted. They pledged that Washington and its allies will devote new energy to Bosnia's numerous problems and resume pressure on politicians or communities that attempt to obstruct implementation of the 1995 Dayton agreement that ended the Bosnian war.

Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright and Robert S. Gelbard, President Clinton's top envoy for Bosnia matters, outlined an aggressive post-election agenda in two days of private meetings with top Croat, Muslim and Serb officials, according to Albright's advisers.

Albright warned in particular that Washington plans a review of all existing U.S. aid programs, the officials said. Those who are not meeting key benchmarks set by the West — particularly a demand to accelerate the return of hundreds of thousands of refugees displaced by the war to their prewar homes — will be cut off, Albright said.

New Strain of AIDS Virus Discovered in Africa

THE WASHINGTON POST

French researchers have discovered a new strain of the AIDS virus in Africa that is so different from other known strains that it easily escapes detection by standard blood screening tests.

The new variant does not currently threaten the safety of the blood supply or otherwise pose a significant public health threat since the virus, a form of HIV-1, is extremely rare. It was discovered in a 40-year-old Cameroonian woman who died of AIDS complications in 1995 and has since been implicated in only three other cases of AIDS, all in that west-central African country.

Nonetheless, experts said, the emergence of the new strain is a reminder that HIV remains a microbial moving target. Novel strains are evolving constantly within infected people, who serve as incubators for new mutants, and inside chimpanzees and other wild animals that harbor simian versions of the virus.

WEATHER

Enjoy it While it Lasts

By Greg Lawson

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Safely behind the passing of yesterday's cold front, today should be a nice, calm day. Though perhaps not as spectacular as originally thought, it will remain sunny and warm throughout the afternoon with temperatures reaching the mid 70s. The light winds from the north very well may be overcome by local seabreezes, especially near the coast. Tonight will almost be a repeat of last night with a clear sky and cool temperatures around 60 — if it weren't for the waxing gibbous moon it would be a great night for star gazing. Wednesday will remain pleasant with sunshine and highs in the mid to low 70s.

Do outdoor activities while you have the chance, because the outlook is not good for the weekend. There are two threats on the horizon: one is a large, strong cut-off low which is making its way from the Northwest Territories towards us. It carries rain and low temperatures with it. At this point it is difficult to say just how immediate a threat it is, but if it hits us expect it sometime Thursday night or Friday morning. The other threat is something I mentioned the possibility of yesterday — Tropical Storm Earl. He just formed yesterday down in the Gulf of Mexico. Initial model runs and forecasts have him running up the east coast quite like a nor'easter in the winter time. Much of this is speculative at this point, but Saturday and Sunday could be yucky.

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Dow Plummets 512 Points; Market Edges Toward Bear

By James F. Peltz

LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW YORK

The stock market's summer swoon turned into a dramatic rout Monday as the Dow Jones industrial average plunged more than 500 points, its second-worst point drop in history. Stocks now teeter on the edge of their first bear market since 1990.

The financial blood bath was even worse in the market's glamorous high-technology arena, where some of the biggest names in computer, software and telecommunications stocks — such as Microsoft and Dell Computer — were hit with waves of selling.

That rattled many other investors, because those stocks were the last pillar of strength in a market that's already been dragged sharply lower in recent weeks by the economic woes in Asia, Russia and elsewhere around the globe.

Over that span, more than $2 trillion of U.S. stock market wealth has vanished.

And what happens next likely will depend less on Wall Street's movers and shakers than on millions of individual American investors and their response to the market's wrenching pullback — something many of them have never witnessed, analysts said.

The market's direction could ride on whether Main Street keeps buying stocks during this market drop, as it has during recent pullbacks, or starts selling in a big way, they said.

The familiar Dow Jones average of 30 blue-chip corporate stocks plummeted 512.61 points to 7,539.07, a point loss second only to its 554.26-point drubbing last Oct. 27.

But as only the 25th worst percentage decline in the Dow, this wasn't a crash. Because the market has been so high — it seems hard to believe, but stocks set historic highs only six weeks ago — the 6.4 percent loss Monday fell well short of crash proportions. The "Black Monday" debacle of Oct. 19, 1987, for instance, amounted to a 22.6 percent plunge.

That was little comfort to the market, however. The Dow Jones industrials — which have skidded 1,060 points in just the past four trading days, to the lowest level since last Nov. 13 — and other, broader measures of the market have now surrendered all the gains they had recorded earlier this year and then some.

In other words, many investors — either through their personal holdings or their retirement plans, such as 401(k) accounts — are losing money in stocks in 1998, a setback they haven't encountered in years.

Moreover, Monday's decline pushed the market to within a whisker of what many experts consider an official bear market — one that has dropped 20 percent or more from its recent highs — for the first time since the Gulf War market of 1990. The Dow Jones industrials, for example, have now skidded 19.3 percent since hitting a record high 9,337.97 on July 17.

The falloff since mid-July has been fueled by worrisome events overseas, including deep recessions across Asia and the Russian economic and political crisis. Some analysts said Monday's drop was sparked by Russian lawmakers' blockage of the formation of a new government.

But others said the heavy selling of Dell Computer and other big-name tech stocks was the key.

"These first-tier stocks had led the market's rise, and now they're being hit by nervous investors despite the fact that the fundamentals of these companies are still strong," said Alan Skrainka, chief market strategist at the investment group Edward D. Jones & Co. in St. Louis. "It was another crack in the dike."

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, seeking to calm an increasingly nervous marketplace, said he had spoken with President Clinton, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and with officials around the world.

Clinton was en route to Moscow for a summit with beleaguered Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin, while Rubin and Greenspan are to meet Friday in San Francisco with Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa about the lack of economic reform in Tokyo that underlies much of the uncertainty rippling across the globe.

"The fundamentals of the United States economy are strong" and the "prospects for growth, low unemployment, low inflation continue to be strong," Rubin said.

Then why is all of this happening?

Stocks had surged in recent years on the shoulders of continued profit gains at U.S. corporations. That was especially true of fast-growing computer and technology stocks. They also were supported by good economic growth and low inflation.

But this summer, that outlook for higher profits dimmed because of the mounting problems in Japan, other Asian nations and, more recently, in Russia.

In light of those problems, investors viewed stock prices as having climbed too high — and they began selling with force this year. Small-company stocks went first, then the larger industrial companies and major banks, and finally the blue-chip technology stocks on Monday.

Russian Lawmakers Refuse to Confirm Chernomyrdin as PM

By Richard C. Paddock

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW

The struggle for power in Russia escalated Monday as legislators refused to confirm Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, President Boris N. Yeltsin's choice for prime minister, despite warnings that the country is on the brink of economic chaos.

The Duma, the lower house of parliament, voted a resounding 253-94 to reject the nomination of Chernomyrdin, who previously served for five years as Yeltsin's prime minister and presided over much of Russia's post-Soviet transformation.

Within hours, a defiant Yeltsin responded by renominating Chernomyrdin to the post, setting the stage for at least another week of high-stakes negotiations and another showdown in the Duma.

The president, confronted by ever-greater demands from Communists for a major role in a new government, further demonstrated his resolve by refusing to sign a power-sharing agreement that could have formed the basis for a coalition government.

"They voted Chernomyrdin down, and they did it with a bang too, hoping that it might make Yeltsin rethink his choice," said Igor M. Bunin, director of the Center for Political Technologies. "But it is not in the character of Yeltsin to retreat."

The inability of Yeltsin and the Communist-dominated Duma to forge a compromise leaves Russia without consensus on a program to revive its currency, the ruble, or to rescue the economy. If their battle continues over the next two weeks, Yeltsin could be compelled to dissolve parliament and rule temporarily by decree.

For Yeltsin, the defeat at the hands of the parliament was especially embarrassing because it came on the eve of a summit meeting with President Clinton, who will arrive in Moscow Tuesday for two days of talks.

While officials hold out little hope that a groundbreaking agreement will emerge from the summit, Clinton can offer his fellow president moral support and encouragement for his efforts to build democratic institutions and a market economy.

"What I want to do is go there and tell them that the easy thing to do is not the right thing to do," Clinton told students at a school in Herndon, Va., before his departure for Moscow. "The easy thing to do would be to try to go back to the way they did it before, and it's not possible."

Following Russia's decision two weeks ago to devalue the ruble and freeze some foreign debt payments, Yeltsin appeared politically crippled. Calls for him to resign mounted, and he fired Prime Minister Sergei V. Kiriyenko and his Cabinet after they had served less than five months in office.

With no economic program and few credible candidates to draw from, Yeltsin called back Chernomyrdin, the uncharismatic former prime minister who became wealthy during the early days of Russia's privatization but was credited by Yeltsin with maintaining the country's stability.

Sensing that the president was seriously weakened, the Communist opposition in the Duma began calling for formation of a coalition government.

As the ruble plummeted and banks collapsed, negotiators for Chernomyrdin and the Communists huddled for days behind closed doors, hammering out a power-sharing pact.

The negotiators agreed on a deal that would guarantee Chernomyrdin's confirmation while giving some of the president's powers to parliament and the prime minister. But after the pact was sent to Yeltsin for his approval, the Communists abruptly backed out of the deal.

On Monday, they suddenly began demanding the right to name 10 ministers, including the interior minister, who oversees the country's police forces.

Taking the floor of the Duma, Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov called on the army and police agencies to prevent the dissolution of the parliament. And he warned that if his party's demands were ignored in the formation of a new government, there could be a popular revolt.

Senate Report Doubts Claims Of Gulf War Syndrome Theory

By Bill McAllister
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

A Senate committee that has been highly critical of the government's treatment of Persian Gulf War veterans Tuesday will release a report that, surprisingly, questions the leading theory about "Gulf War syndrome" — that exposure to nerve gas sickened U.S. soldiers who fought Iraq.

The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, which has been one of the most prominent critics of the Pentagon's handling of sick Gulf War veterans, essentially agreed with the military's long-held position that chemical weapons exposure probably was not to blame for the mysterious illnesses reported by soldiers.

"There is insufficient evidence at this time to prove or disprove that there was actual low-level exposure of any troops to chemical weapon nerve agents or that any of the health effects some veterans are experiencing were caused by such exposure," the committee concludes.

Prepared after a year-long study by a special bipartisan investigation unit, the 310-page report challenges one of the most highly publicized theories about the mysterious illnesses among Gulf War veterans — a theory that led to intense criticism of the Pentagon and to the spending of millions of dollars to study the problem and treat sick veterans.

Specifically, the report casts doubt on a Pentagon estimate that upwards of 110,000 Gulf War troops inadvertently were exposed to low levels of Iraqi chemical weapons after the explosion of an Iraqi weapons cache following the end of the brief 1991 Middle East war. That estimate is far too high because the Defense Department and CIA relied on a computer model that was "fundamentally flawed" to recreate the destruction of the weapons, the panel said.

The Pentagon's initial admission in the summer of 1996 that Americans were exposed to chemical fallout at the Khamisiyah depot came after five years of insisting that there was no chemical exposure of U.S. troops during the conflict. Pentagon officials have called their belated discovery of the Khamisiyah incident a watershed event in the debate. In the months afterward, Defense officials steadily escalated the likely number of U.S. troops exposed to chemical fallout from 20,000 to 110,000.

The report said the panel could not assess any low-level chemical exposures because the Pentagon lacked "reliable detection methods" for such exposure.

Mourners Gather on Anniversary Of Princess Diana's Tragic Death

By Marjorie Miller
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LONDON

As Britain's royal family gathered to pray in private Monday at a small Scottish church, thousands of mourners laid flowers at the gates of Kensington Palace here to mark the first anniversary of the death of Princess Diana.

Flags flew at half staff over Buckingham Palace and on government buildings, and the royal family issued a statement thanking the public for their sympathy and remembrances of the 36-year-old princess, who died in a Paris car crash along with her companion, Dodi Fayed, and their driver last Aug. 31.

Harrods department store, owned by Fayed's father, unveiled a display window shrine to Diana and Fayed — a bronze fountain topped with their pictures and surrounded by candles and flowers.

But otherwise, the commemorations were notably restrained for the "people's princess," who had a fairy tale marriage in 1981, an acrimonious divorce in 1996 and a Hollywood-style death last year. Her royal funeral was watched in 187 countries. Her song, Elton John's "Candle in the Wind," played around the world.

"There had to be a day of remembrance," said Maureen Poole, a prison officer who laid flowers at Kensington Palace on her way to work. "Princess Diana touched people, she was so very kind."

The steady stream of mourners did not match the multitudes who turned out to remember Diana in the week after her death, and the hills of cellophane-wrapped flowers were far more modest. But the handwritten notes outside the palace were a reminder of the love that so many strangers felt for the generous beauty and of how much they identified with her vulnerability.

"We miss you. The Jewel of England who can never be replaced," one card said.

"Used, abused and discarded by the royals and their cronies," said another. "So much loved, missed and mourned by the people who really matter."

The tributes were surrounded by photographs and magazine covers of Diana, who has appeared in the media almost as often in the last year as she did before she died.

Despite polls showing that the public was suffering from "Diana fatigue," media attention to the anniversary did not subside.

Man Falsely Indicted in Murder Plot Gets Lesser Charge

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES

A man who was mistakenly charged with plotting to assassinate a U.S. Secret Service agent last year was sentenced Monday to 11 months in federal custody on a lesser charge of obstructing justice.

Rafael Kazareyants, 44, was originally indicted along with four acquaintances on charges of offering an undercover FBI operative $50,000 to murder a Secret Service agent.

There was a plot, not to murder the agent, but to bribe him to drop fraud charges lodged against one of the men. That fact was lost in a mistranslation of secretly recorded conversations involving the men and an ex-felon who said he had been hired to carry out the crime.

The government backed away from its murder-for-hire charges months later after the defendants' secretly recorded conversations were retranslated. Prosecutors also acknowledged that the undercover operative's account was exaggerated.

Kazareyants, of Los Angeles' North Hollywood district, was initially denied bail because of the severity of the charges and spent more than seven months behind bars. Now free, he was ordered by U.S. District Judge Stephen V. Wilson to surrender next month to begin serving the rest of his sentence.

Harlem Youth March Pits Giuliani Against Organizers

LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW YORK

It is one of the most controversial rallies in recent New York City history, pitting Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani against the protest's militant organizers — with many Harlem residents complaining they are caught in the middle.

Orchestrated by Khalid Abdul Muhammad, a black leader with such strong views that he was dismissed from the Nation of Islam for his racist remarks about Jews and Pope John Paul II, the Million Youth March is scheduled to take place on Malcolm X Boulevard in the heart of Harlem.

From the outset, the Giuliani administration has viewed the demonstration, scheduled for Saturday, with suspicion.

And after negotiations for a city permit proved both fruitless and bitter, positions quickly hardened.

The mayor denounced the event as a "hate march," prompting the group's attorney, Malik Z. Shabazz, to call Giuliani "belligerent, hostile, antagonistic and prejudiced."

Unhappily caught up in the debate are some of Harlem's most prominent leaders who are trying to ensure that the demonstration does not become violent.

"We feel caught in a political firestorm," said state Sen. David A. Paterson. "... Everyone is talking about public safety."

Muhammad had pledged to hold the rally — now expected to draw about 170,000 people — with or without a permit.

Meanwhile, a rival and perhaps much bigger rally, also designed to attract black youth, is scheduled for Atlanta at the same time. Its organizing coalition includes the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Nation of Islam and the Rev. Jesse Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH coalition.

Graduate Student Council

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Graduate Orientation Calendar

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10 AM - 12 PM, Sept. 4

Tuesday, September 1
Activities Midway 8 - 10 PM
Athletics Gateway 7:30 - 9 PM

Thursday, September 3
Activities Carnival & Info Fair 1 - 5 PM
BBQ Dinner 6 PM **
Bim Skala Bim Band 8 PM

Friday, September 4
Beverages at Muddy Charles Pub **
Boston Trolley Tour 2 - 4 PM **
GSC Social 5:30 - 7:30 PM

ID Photos
9 AM - 12 PM, Sept. 2
9 AM - 4:30 PM, Sept. 3

Saturday, September 5
Hiking Trip 7 AM - 10 PM **

Sunday, September 6
Boston Harbor Cruise 7 - 10:30 PM **

Monday, September 7
Red Sox Baseball Game 7 - 10:30 PM **

Friday, September 11
Beverages at the Thirsty Ear 7 PM - 1 AM **

Saturday, September 12
Whale Watch 11 AM - 4 PM **
Night on Town (Meet at 50-220) 9 PM - ?

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09 General Council Meeting *
09 Deadline for Fall Funding Applications
14 Fall Funding Board Meeting *
15 Academics, Research & Careers Meeting *
17 Publications Board Meeting *
22 Housing & Community Affairs Meeting *
28 Activities Committee Meeting *

* at 5:30pm in Room 50-220.
All graduate students are welcome. Food is provided.

1998 Graduate Student Career Fair

The Academics, Research, & Careers Committee is currently soliciting resumes for the 1998 Graduate Career Fair. Resumes can be submitted to the GSC office (50-220) any time until Sept. 18 and we are accepting both hard copies and electronic versions. One page is allowed for masters students and two pages for Ph.D. candidates. More information can be found at: http://www.mit.edu/activities/gsc/CareerFair/students.html or by emailing gsc-careerfair@mit.edu.

OPINION

Letters To The Editor

Practicing What It Preaches

Despite MIT's support of "diversity awareness" during Orientation week, it seems to be fostering an atmosphere of just the opposite. MIT preaches diversity and communal activities where race, religion, gender, and sexual orientation are of no concern; however, certain functions for the class of 2002 have catered exclusively to those categories.

As freshmen — new to MIT and its surroundings — the first couple of days bear quite an influence on introducing them to classmates and lifestyles at MIT. Freshman interact and bond with each other in order to survive the first two chaotic weeks of their college experience. These initial friendships often last a lifetime. When people struggle and succeed together, they form bonds that are hard to break.

So, why is it that MIT organizes events based solely on race and gender during this period. MIT is creating environments in which "like" only meets "like." Why is it that MIT has a weekend for women and minorities? Will this unite the class to be? Does this promote a community where people can work together despite their differences?

If MIT is so concerned with not distinguishing among "types" of people, why not have a weekend where all prospective students — women, men, blacks, whites, Americans, Asians, Africans, Latinos, and Europeans — come to MIT to get a true feel for the campus and college life. It is wrong to put any group on a pedestal based solely on their ethnicity or gender. Although MIT does not necessarily foster this environment, it does promote a segregated community by organizing functions that only welcome certain groups, such as dances for minority students or dinner for international students.

It is true that the transition into life at MIT can be intimidating and difficult to adjust to, but all freshmen are human — all experience similar emotions. Why not conquer Orientation week together?

Michele E. deMarco '00

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Learning through Sharing

Roommates Provide Incoming Freshmen Valuable Social Experiences for Years Beyond

Elaine Wan

Most incoming freshmen are crowded into a quad, triple or a double for a year unless they decide to live in MacGregor House or off campus. Freshmen pay the same fee for room and board like all the upperclassmen but they will share your little corner of the campus with at least one more person. Is that fair?

If you are a freshman you would probably say, "No." But we (upperclassmen) have been there and done that. And when freshmen become upperclassmen they get the privilege to say the same thing to the new incoming freshmen. I had my own room at home, so it took me a long time to adjust to life with two other girls in McCormick Hall, room 201. Now when I look back, I'm ever thankful that Emily and Aparna were there with me every minute of my freshman year.

Besides taking physics, chemistry, or calculus freshman year, MIT will also teach you how to share your life with your roommates for the next eight months. This course requires 24 hours of preparation every day. Expect surprise parties, daily random conversations, possible weekly blunt arguments, monthly delicious study breaks and sporadic fits of craze. A final test is available for those especially irritable during finals week. Failure to pass this course will result in a somewhat unhappy residential situation for the first year.

There are no recitations or labs so if you run into problems, contact your house tutor or house manager. In extreme cases of confusion, contact Nightline. I believe a successful college life includes balancing a good academic record with a healthy social life. By the time you finish your undergraduate life at MIT, hopefully you will be able to do more than shake the hand that gives you the diploma. A big smile and a thank you is in order.

My ex-roommates once told me we would have been very good friends if we didn't have to live with each other. It is a new year, I have a single now and we are all very good friends. For the last year, my roommates and I had to cope with each other's different sleeping patterns, work habits, interests, hobbies and cooking preferences. One of us cooked meat with soy sauce, another curry and hot sauce and the other with tomato sauce, crushed oregano and basil.

We all had different classes first term and tried to stay with the lifestyle we were accustomed to at home. I know I tried very stubbornly to be able to get enough sleep. We came from different families from different states, grew up influenced by different cultures, listened to extremely opposite music and our favorite colors clashed when put together. We must have been three clueless freshmen to our floormates.

But that is what the first year is all about, adjusting. We had arguments concerning closet space, noise levels, and neatness. I think this is a good time to mention that Emily, Aparna and I were randomly assigned to room together.

We had extremely fun and crazy times together too. We attended Theta Xi's black light party, made pancakes during McCormick study breaks, rushed to LSC movies, had non-violent fights with my pink overly puffed up pillows, and dyed our hair on Halloween.

Somehow amongst all our differences we were able to find similarities that brought us to the Cambridge to attend the same college. I guess that the beauty of our relationship budded when we found that we had similarities. Adjusting your lifestyle so that you can live with others can mean spending less time on the phone, listening to the your music with headphones or walking quietly at night. It also means talking to your roommates about your differences, views, and problems. But from all this you can learn to compromise with a smile, to be confident about your strengths, to be patient and to be considerate to others.

These are skills that a freshman must learn and that will be useful in your future life. These were the same skills I used in making friends, working with others on problem sets and talking with professors. My freshman year at college has improved my role within in my social circle and my family. From my roommates, I've learned more about their views on life, culture and outlooks for the future.

Aparna has taught me the psychology behind maternal values and stress relief. Emily has taught me how to format my hard drive and how to make coffee cake. These are skills that I will take with me into my own family life and my own career. Roommates can give you comfort, advice and consolation which you will undoubtedly need in your freshman year.

So if you think that living with one, two or three other people in a few hundred square feet of room will be a very hard thing to do, try to make the best of every bad situation. Many upperclassmen choose to stay in their double or triple the following year because they love sharing their life with other people. Your roommates can be your friends, and your friends can help you make your first year at MIT enjoyable, fun and successful. If you still aren't convinced, then just think about how nice it will be when you do get a little corner on campus you can call your own next year.

Battle of the Newspapers

Michael J. Ring

For many years, the attitude of Bostonians toward their two daily newspapers has remained stagnant. The broadsheet *Globe*, the city's top selling paper, was a newspaper well-respected on a national and international level, known throughout the region for its staid style and liberal slant. Its tabloid competitor, the *Herald*, was flashier, featured a conservative editorial department, and was known more for its local than national or international reporting.

Herald publisher Patrick Purcell has tried various promotions and gimmicks throughout this decade in an attempt to boost the *Herald*'s circulation. Various pricing strategies, including 25-cent daily papers and 99-cent Sunday papers, have been used occasionally by the tabloid. Most infamous is the *Herald*'s "Wingo" sweepstakes, which featured numbers games inserted into the newspapers. None of those measures was able to shake the *Globe*'s dominance.

This summer, however, has been one of the most momentous in New England print journalism. The admired and esteemed *Globe* has had its reputation tarnished not once nor twice, but now thrice. Meanwhile, its crosstown competitor has unveiled a new colorful, more traditional style, hoping to capture new readers and those disenchanted by the troubles on Morrissey Boulevard.

The *Globe*'s problems all started earlier this summer, when Metro columnist Patricia Smith was forced to resign amid allegations she fabricated characters in her columns.

More shocking and disturbing to *Globe* readers, however, were the various episodes erupting around another Metro columnist, Mike Barnicle, a quarter-century veteran of the *Globe* who is arguably as much as a part of the soul of New England as Fenway Park or Maine lobsters. *Globe* editors demanded his resignation after it appeared he plagiarized jokes from George Carlin. Rather than resign, however, Barnicle engaged the *Globe* brass and won his job back. His tale took another surprising turn a few weeks later when he was accused of fabricating characters, at which time he did resign from the broadsheet.

Most recently, the *Globe* was tarnished by revelations that convicted murderer Joseph Yandle, who won a commutation largely on his supposed record of Vietnam service, had fabricated his war record. While many politicians and other media outlets were also duped by Yandle's claims, it was the *Globe* that was the early champion of Yandle's case for commutation.

Meanwhile, the *Herald*'s new look and style has been warmly accepted. The paper has improved its coverage of national and world news, while retaining its trademark features such as conservative columnists and the Inside Track gossip page. The new page one is much more traditional than the former flashy headlines which used to highlight that page. The new color also adds to the updated, modernized appearance of the city's second largest paper.

What do these changes mean for print journalism in Boston? The short-term winner is obviously the *Herald*, which has not been tainted by the allegations of fabrication and plagiarism. It has improved the quality of its product and increased the level of competition among newspapers in New England.

I do not, however, believe the problems at the *Globe* are as disastrous as many believe. The *Globe* has not had to retract a story, as did CNN after its disastrous report on defectors in Vietnam. Instead, the *Globe*'s problems are largely those of individuals, not the collective newspaper. Smith and Barnicle were not news reporters trying to maintain impartiality, nor were they involved in any sensitive investigation. They were columnists with a large degree of freedom about what and how to write, and while they certainly marred their own reputations with their unacceptable journalistic behavior, they did not lessen the hard work of the news staff at the *Boston Globe*.

As for the Yandle incident, the *Globe* should have been more vigilant in checking its sources, but that goes as well for the *Herald*, local television stations, and national news magazines which reported on the convict's hopes for parole. Here the admonishment belongs to the media in general, not exclusively to the *Globe*.

While no newspaper approaches the respect given to the *New York Times*, the *Globe* deserves a place in the top echelon of major regional American dailies. For over 100 years it has served the people of New England well, and in these six states it is still the paper of record.

At the same time, I welcome the changes made to the *Herald*. It is a more complete and thorough journal thanks to the major investments and changes made by publisher Purcell. The increased competition will help both the *Globe* and the *Herald* maintain high standards of honesty and integrity.

Most important are the benefits to be reaped by newspaper readers across New England. Boston is fortunate to be served by two major dailies in an era when most American cities are left with one. Competition favors higher standards and better products, and a more competitive *Herald* will only encourage the *Globe* to make its own changes to further enhance the quality of what still is a great American newspaper.

Drugs and Baseball

Naveen Sunkavally

There are few feelings better than watching Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals belt out a homer with the bases juiced at a strategic point in a game. Two days ago, I had the fortunate opportunity to watch McGwire do exactly that, giving his team an 8–7 victory over the Atlanta Braves, the National League team with the best record.

Unfortunately, as McGwire quietly keeps belting 500 ft. homers out the park day after day, another question has surfaced: how much of McGwire's prowess is attributable to androstenedione, the drug discovered by a nosy Associated Press reporter named Steve Wilstein near McGwire's locker area? And if McGwire gets his 62nd homer and battles out Sammy Sosa for the most homers ever in a season, should McGwire's name appear with an asterisk in the record books? How do we evaluate Mark McGwire as a person for making the choice to use androstenedione?

That "andro," as it is popularly called, enhances performance is undebatable. (Otherwise, why would McGwire take it in the first place?) Though not a true steriod, andro has about the same effects on people as anabolic steroids — it increases testosterone levels and gives people extra energy. It also has negative effects: though not fully researched fully, there is also the possibility that andro, like other anabolic steroids, may cause heart damage, liver and kidney failure, increased aggression, and general atrophy.

But andro is not illegal in baseball, and that is why I believe McGwire's name should not go down in baseball's record books with an asterisk. Despite its illegality in the National Football League and on the ATP tennis tour, andro is still not illegal in baseball. All players are given the chance to use the drug and belt out as many home runs as possible, and McGwire should not be penalized for his decision to use andro.

Furthermore, it's always a tricky game to account for advances in health and medicine over periods of time. Are we going to say that athletes now have an unfair advantage over their predecessors because of their knowledge of proper diets, exercise, and nutrition that wasn't available fifty years ago? Because athletes a hundred years ago did not know the dangers in smoking and drinking, are we to say that athletes now should have asterisks next to their names because they know of risks previously unknown?

Certainly not. Because andro was not available fifty years ago, Mark McGwire should not be punished with an asterisk next to his name. It is a performance-enhancing drug, but as long as andro remains legal in baseball, andro is equivalent to other legal things that have increased athletic performance over the years, such as grater knowledge of exercise, nutrition, etc.

However, there's little question that Mark McGwire as a person takes a hit because of his use of andro. Previously, Mark McGwire was seen as something of a hero, one mighty giant who rescued baseball from the throes of financial infighting that plagued the sport. McGwire can no longer serve as a role model for Little Leaguers across the country. As talented as McGwire may be, no Little Leaguer can aspire to follow McGwire's example.

Though androstenedione is legal in baseball, one can not avoid the fact that two other major sports figures, Michelle Smith, a swimmer from Ireland, and Ben Johnson have been penalized because of similar offenses. And, now that baseball is investigating the drug, what will happen if baseball deems andro illegal after McGwire breaks the home run record?

If you ask me, it would be a lot more convenient if Sammy Sosa breaks the home run record. Sosa only uses creatine, a drug used universally used in all sports and illegal in none. Though it would be thrilling to see McGwire get the record first and pump out 500 ft. homers, for the record books and for the sake of good role models, it would be far more convenient for Sosa to get the home run record.

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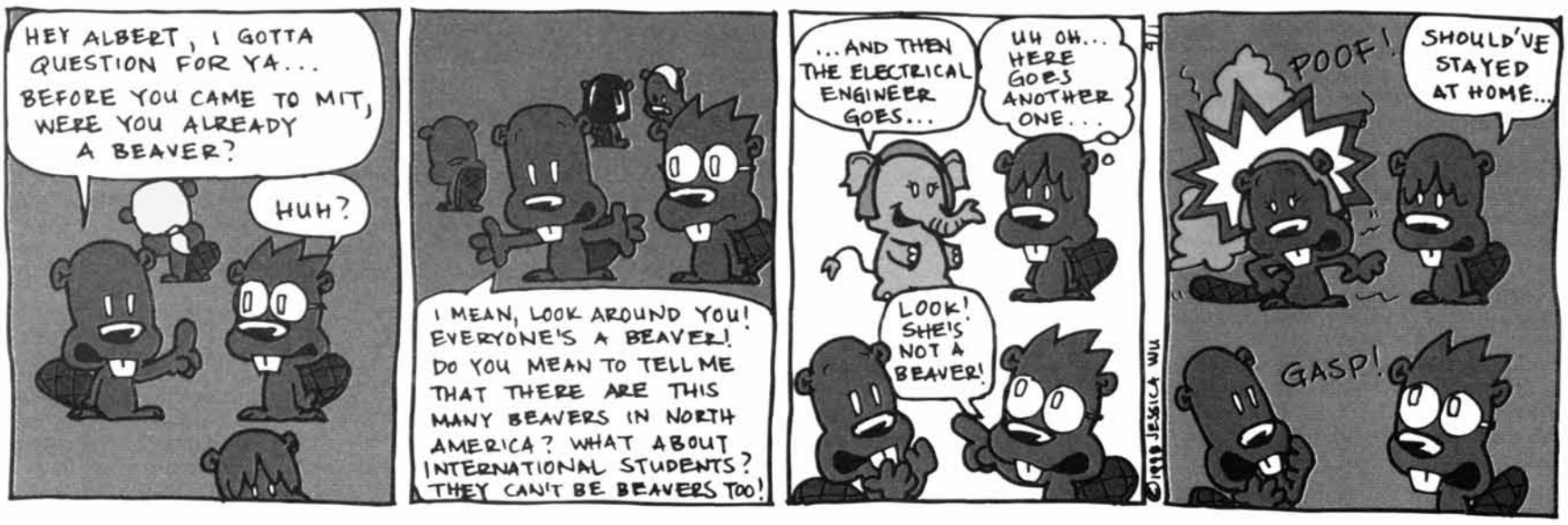
dammed for life

by jessica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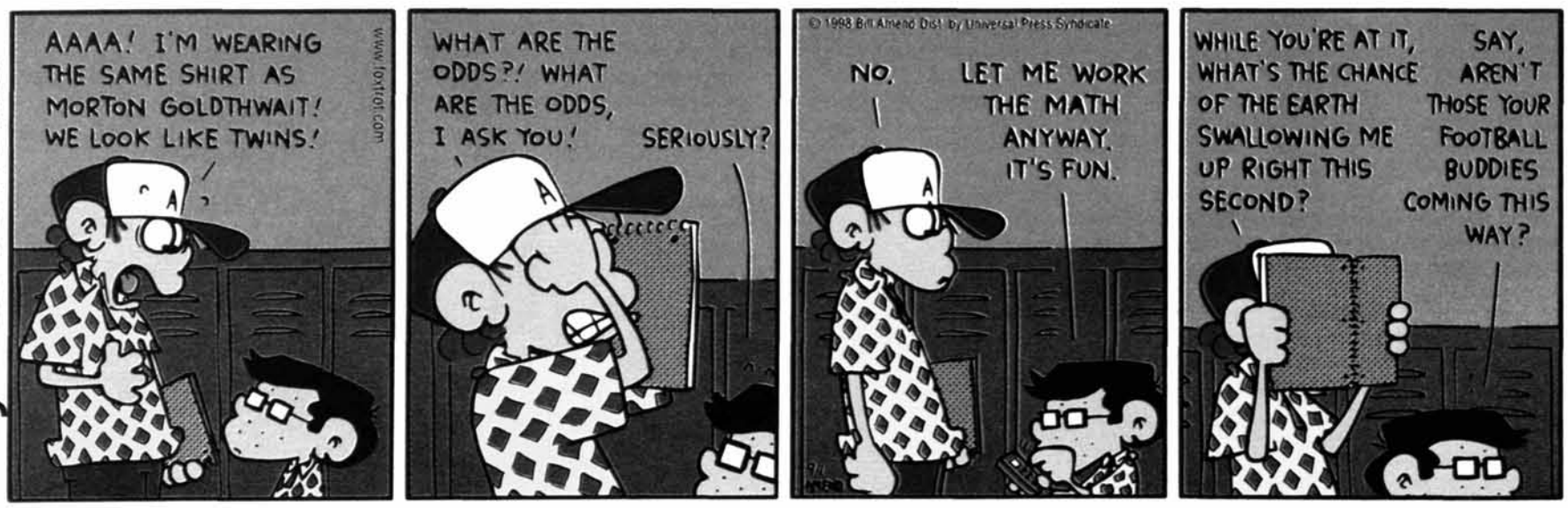
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SAY, AREN'T THOSE YOUR FOOTBALL BUDDIES COMING THIS WAY?

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by xiD
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John, CAN'T I HAVE SOME BEER?
OH NO, NOT YOU, REMEMBER? YOU'LL BE OUR UNFORGETTABLE CONTRIBUTOR TO THE PARTY... IN CASE ANY OF US GET TOO SENSITIVE TO THE ALCOHOL, CALL 911
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by Jennifer DiMase

HI! WELCOME TO CHI CHI CHI! LET ME GIVE YOU A TOUR OF THE HOUSE..
THIS HERE IS OUR GAME ROOM.
I THINK I JUST SAW THOSE TWO PLAYING POOL SOMEWHERE ELSE... AREN'T THEY UPPERCLASSMEN?
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5:00 - 7:00 p.m. – **GSC Social**. All graduate students are welcome and we especially encourage new graduate students to join us. Free food and beverages will be provided. Walker Memorial, Room 220. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council.

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New Executive VP Has Strong History

Curry, from Page 1

the $300 million annual operating budget and $100 million capital budget, managing the Institute's trusts and endowments, and monitoring its overall fiscal operations. He also played a role in Caltech's re-engineering effort.

Before Caltech, Curry served as administrative vice chancellor and chief financial officer at the University of California, Los Angeles. In addition to managing the university's finances, he also directed its administrative reorganization. As part of that reorganization, he decentralized key areas and implemented a system of incentives to improve efficiency.

Curry has also written more than a dozen articles on academic finance and organizational management. He is a member of the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

Vest, in a letter announcing the appointment, called Curry an "extraordinary individual."

"He has a track record of success. The [search] advisory committee was extremely impressed with John's energy, leadership, capabilities and vision," Vest said.

Curry has a "vision for and an understanding of the changes that research universities like MIT must confront as we enter the next century," he added.

"We will focus on a continuously improving administration. I've met many dedicated and professional staff at MIT eager to do just that.," Curry said in a press release. "Everyone I've talked to at MIT — faculty, administration, staff — has a keen sense of what needs to be done in the rapidly changing competitive world we are in," he said.

Vest and Curry met in college

In a personal twist, Vest and Curry were classmates while at West Virginia University. "John and I had a couple of mathematics classes together, probably in 1961 or 62," Vest said.

"I didn't see him again until 1991 when he represented The University of Southern California at my MIT inauguration. Although I did not know him well as a student, he was one of my brightest classmates, and I enjoyed talking about mathematics with him," he said.

This is the second time in slightly more than a year that Caltech and MIT have had high-profile exchanges of personnel. In May 1997 former Institute Professor David Baltimore '61 agreed to serve as Caltech's president.

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ISP, ESG, and Concourse Add Variety to MIT Freshman Year

By Douglas E. Heimburger
EDITOR IN CHIEF

As freshmen finalize their residence selection today, they also have their first opportunity to look at alternatives to mainstream lectures.

Concourse, the Experimental Studies Group, and the Integrated Studies Program all provide more personalized learning experiences than the standard freshman classes.

The programs are designed to offer freshmen the opportunity to work in small groups, to explore new ways of learning, and to take refuge from the pressure of the large classroom setting.

This year, two of the programs moved their classrooms and facilities from Building 20 to new quarters in Building 16. ESG remains in Building 24.

Freshmen who are interested in the programs can visit each at their open houses or luncheons today.

Concourse

Concourse offers its own versions of freshmen classes for its 64 students. In the fall, Concourse offers Physics I (8.01), Calculus I (18.01), Calculus II (18.02), Introduction to Solid-State Chemistry (3.091), and Introduction to Psychology (9.00).

In the fall, Concourse students must take at least three courses within the program, said Cheryl A. Butters, who coordinates the program.

The students in Concourse are pushed "a little bit harder than they are pushed in the mainstream," Butters said.

Visiting Associate Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Jeremy M. Wolfe PhD '82 will again teach Concourse 9.00 this year. Wolfe was an extremely popular lecturer in the mainstream 9.00 for fourteen years.

Students in Concourse attend classes for about three hours per day, generally in the morning. The schedule leaves significant time for activities. "In the past, we've had an awful lot of students involved in student government," Butters said.

Today, Concourse will hold an open house in Room 16-136 from noon until 3 p.m. Interested students must attend an orientation in the same room on Wednesday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Experimental Studies Group

ESG offers the freshman core subjects and some sophomore subjects in small classes of two to five students, said Holly B. Sweet, administrator of the program.

The classes are geared for those who are "self-motivated," Sweet said. A majority of the classes, 70 percent, are taught by professors, lecturers, and graduate students, while the remaining 30 percent are taught by undergraduate assistants who were in the program, she said.

The backgrounds of the students in the program varies widely, Sweet said. Nonetheless, the program expects those in the group to "ask questions and really interact, not sit there in the back row of the lecture hall."

Unlike the other freshman programs, ESG allows freshmen to complete classes at their own pace, sometimes starting new classes in the middle of the term. Others choose to spread out their class length in order to more fully understand the subject, Sweet said.

ESG expects students to take all their science and math courses within the program. The program also offers a humanities option.

Students in ESG tend to socialize extensively with one another. The program has a weekly luncheon as well as a movie series. Additionally, it has study sessions twice per week for students with home-made food.

Today, ESG will hold an open house in Room 24-612 from noon until 3 p.m. Interested students must attend an orientation seminar and apply to the program before 4 p.m. tomorrow. If the 50 open spaces in the program are filled, a lottery will be used to select students, Sweet said.

Integrated Studies Program

ISP features a hands-on approach to learning, said Professor of Anthropology and Archaeology Arthur Steinberg, director of the program.

ISP is centered around an extensive hands-on teaching program via a humanities, arts, and social sciences distribution course "that deals with technologies in different cultures," Steinberg said.

Labs within the HASS-D subject have historically included experiments in blacksmithing, weaving, and the design of clocks, while the subject includes discussions on the historical and societal impact of advances in science and technology.

That HASS-D also features a "very intensive writing section," Steinberg added, and students who earn a B or better in the class pass Phase I of the Writing Requirement.

Unlike the other freshman programs, students in ISP take mainstream freshman lectures, although their recitations are generally separate from the main curriculum. Freshman are urged to take hands-on classes such as the experimental version of Physics I (8.01X), for example.

ISP may not be the best program for students with extensive advanced placement credit, Steinberg said, although "with one or two classes it doesn't matter."

Overall, the program is "geared to helping students if they want help and leaving them alone if they want to be left alone," Steinberg said.

ISP accepts students on a first come, first served basis up to its limit of 40 students per term, Steinberg added.

Today, ISP will be having a luncheon for freshmen in Room 16-177 from noon until 1:30 p.m. Afterwards, it will be holding its annual egg drop off the Green Building. Interested students must file ISP registration forms by 5 p.m. tomorrow in Room 16-177.

Graduate Orientation Boasts Varied Events

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Tuesday's Activities Midway — "not just picking up flyers, but getting to hang out," she said.

Several groups at MIT will be having graduate student socials at the same time around campus, Lively said. The graduate Hillel, MIT Pro-life, and Sangam are among those groups participating.

Simultaneously, the Institute will be informally showcasing its extensive athletic facilities for the new graduate students. There will be "pick-up games on Briggs field — rugby, soccer, field hockey, cricket, ultimate frisbee, and volleyball," she said.

In the Alumni Pool, there will be swimming, kayaking, water polo, and scuba-diving opportunities for new graduate students. There will also be crew demonstrations and Tae Kwon Do lessons.

New barbecue follows carnival

"The one event that was added this year was in order to make graduate orientation more fun and interesting, Lively said.

"This is followed by a barbecue dinner on Kresge Oval instead of lunch picnic on Killian Court," Lively said. The barbecue will require tickets, but they will be freely available to new graduate students, while returning graduate students will need to purchase a ticket if they want to eat.

The tickets are being given out and sold at the GSC's booth in Lobby 10, which also serves as the main information center during orientation, she said.

After dinner, the graduate students will hear welcoming addresses from several members of the MIT community, Lively said. Chancellor Lawrence S. Bacow '72, vice-president of research and Dean of Graduate Education J. David Litster PhD '65, and GSC President Brian J. Schneider G will all speak to the new graduate students.

The finale of the day's events will be a performance by Bim Skala Bim, a Boston-based ska band, Lively said.

"In addition to this large event, several other annual events will be taking place," Lively said.

These events include drinks at the Muddy Charles Pub, a trolley tour of the Boston area, and an all-graduate student social on Friday. Over the weekend, there will be a day-long hiking trip on Saturday and an evening cruise on Boston Harbor on Sunday.

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look around the house, see what we have just lying about, and do the stupidest things possible with it. How do you think Ridiculo Ball got started? Call 262-5090.

10:26 – **East Campus** – "What was that ruckus?"

10:27 – **East Campus** – "uhhhwhat ruckus?"

10:28 – **East Campus** – "I was just in my office, and I heard a ruckus."

10:29 – **East Campus** – "Could you describe the ruckus, sir?"

10:30 – **Deutsches House** – Zeit auszuruhen nach Rush. Wir werden unser Jährliches Spiel von Risk spielen und über sachen im allgemein sprechen.

10:30 – **German House** Relax! Time to kick back and relax after rush. We will be playing our annual game of risk and talking about things in general.

10:30 – **French House** – Mandatory Brunch – if you're interested in French House – you must attend! We'll be talking about what it's like to live in French house. Any questions you have will be answered. A La Maison Francaise.

10:30 – **La Maison Francais** – *** BRUNCH OBLIGATOIRE *** Si vous vous interessez a La Maison Francaise, il faut y assister! Nous parlerons de la vie a La Maison Francaise et toutes vos questions seront repondues ici. A La Maison Francaise (a New House) Indications: x86388.

10:36 – **Number 6 Club** – rush break. tired of rush? sit back, relax, listen to some music, shoot some pool or watch a movie. chill with sixers and freshmen on the sundeck or the second floor.

10:37 – **Russian House** – Breakfast of Champions. (and commons)

10:45 – **pika** – Still sleepy? What better time to come over and throw things in the air? Come juggle or learn to juggle at pika. 492-6983

10:45 – **Spanish House** – Catch the last of the breakfast at LA CASA. The food is still being made fresh to order. Eat as much as you can before rush ends!!!!!!

10:47 – **Random Hall** – We've got more liquid nitro lying around. Come have some nitro-fied ice cream. Nothing like deep-fried, we promise. Rumors of the pony's return are greatly exaggerated.

10:53 – **Fenway House** – Trip to the MFA to see sauteed insects!

10:54 – **Fenway House** – No wait, that's the Museum of Fried Ants. We're going to the Museum of Fine Arts, just a ten minute walk down the lovely Fens. Don't forget your temporary student IDs. Call for a ride.

11:00 – **Baker House** – ARGHHHHHH!!!!! It's almost over. If you're sick of rush, stop by and hang with us here at BAKER. We'll be chillin' till this thing is over. If you haven't taken a tour yet, time's almost up!!!!

11:00 – **Burton-Conner** – Ready for lunch yet? Come for a variety of interesting foods-you're sure to find your favorite here. Phone 253-3261 for assistance or come to Burton-Conner, 410 Memorial Dr.

11:00 – **New House** – If you liked New House and the people here, remember us!

11:00 – **Zeta Beta Tau** – Take a break and have fun with movies, computer games, but make sure to come by as soon as possible so you can get a spot. If you just got come by and have the greatest breakfast(see 8a.m. descriptions) of your life or if you're an early bird grab a sandwich from our overstuffed sandwich feast. Call Rick for rides at 232-3257

11:00 – **Zeta Psi** – Join us as we kick back and float down the Connecticut River in large yellow tubes. Blue water, green trees, no waterfalls.

11:06 – **pika** – cloth. balls. rings. clubs. rubber chickens. eight piece kitchenette sets. All of these things can take to the air....but will they stay there? Juggling at pika. Call 492-6983 and toss the phone from hand to hand until we come by.

11:11 – **East Campus** – Last opportunity to bask in the radiant glow of EAsT camPUS.

11:15 – **Fenway House** – We still have a zillion jillion kabillion movies left to watch! 437-1043

11:17 – **Random Hall** – Has gorging on rush food caused you to gain the "Freshman 15"? Never fear, we've got some residents leading a session of "Buns of Steel" to help everyone work off those all-you-can-eat meals. Catch Raffi in spandex!

11:17 – **Spanish House** – Come chill with the people at SPANISH HOUSE before running off to enter in those housing preferences!!!

11:22 – **Tau Epsilon Phi** – Meat the brothers at TEP. We supply the meat, you throw it at us. For you vegetarians, beat us with wet noodles. Yeah, so writing these daily confusion entries is messing with my mind...

11:25 – **Epilson Theta** – DING! Lunch in five minutes.

11:30 – **Epsilon Theta** – LUNCH. A delicious meal prepared by our cook, suitable for both the carnivores and vegetarians among us. Call 734-9211 or 3-8888 for a ride.

11:47 – **Random Hall** – Still haven't toured Random Hall? What are you waiting for? There's still time, so come on down and enjoy the exhilaration of visiting a Siamese dorm.

11:50 – **Random Hall** – CompUSA is only two minutes' walk from Random. Come join us as we visit the friendly salespeople there and try to make them explode by asking technical questions about 3D accelerator cards.

11:57 – **Random Hall** – Ever tried rollerblading using computer mice? Come to Random Hall and hang out with a bunch of cool people who haven't either. (Not responsible for medical bills freshmen who actually try this.) Maybe taking a tour would be safer.

12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

12:00 – **Alpha Epsilon Pi** – Lunchtime! Come to AEPi for the other most important meal

of the day. Phone 247-3170 for the Lunch Wagon to swing your way.

12:00 – **Baker House** – IT'S FINALLY OVER but we'll still be here. Come by and hang with us at BAKER. Hope you enjoyed it!!!!

12:00 – **Student House** – What do you want for lunch? Living in Kenmore Square means being a thirty second walk from anything you could possibly want. Come on by and we'll show you where it is.

12:00 – **Zeta Beta Tau** – Hungry? Come by ZBT and grab a power lunch to stop those hunger cravings. Then hang out with the brothers with a variety of activities that have we have planned at the house. Call Rick for rides at 232-3257

12:01 – **Womens' Independent Living Group** – Join us on the back patio for some BBQ fun! We'll be grillin' for vegetarians, too. Stop on by, or we'll give you a lift if you call 253-6799 or 354-1263. You can leisurely laze in the hammock while you dine. Hurry before it's taken!

12:06 – **Number 6 Club** – lunch at no.6

12:21 – **Theta Delta Chi** – Where it's at.

12:22 – **Tau Epsilon Phi** – Picnic on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall. You've seen the roof, tap danced Beethoven's 5th on the stairs, and flushed the electric toilet. Now eat lunch on our front lawn and throw food into passing convertibles. 262-5090.

12:30 – **Phi Beta Epsilon** – ***** BBQ SOCIAL, Hungry? Want to meet people? Come eat with us on our roofdeck. WINGS! Also ask about our FRESH FRUIT SMOOTHIES.

12:59 – **Womens' Independent Living Group** – We know you like Hemp...Well, come use hemp for an artistic purpose! Right now we're starting to make Hemp Necklaces and Femo Beads in the WILG lounge. To join in the cannabis fun, starting with a ride in our flower-powered van, just call 253-6799 or 354-1263.

1:00 – **Phi Delta Theta** – Time to put the food away and start getting ready for another eating extravaganza... Think General Gau's. Call 247-8691 for a ride.

1:00 – **Sigma Chi** – See Boston on our Road Rally

1:00 – **Student House** – There is no spectator sport like JELLO WRESTLING! Can rookie Susan "Brusin' " Buchman take down house champion Jessi "Death Trap" Kleiss? Pick your favorites and cheer them on, or join in the fun.... if you dare.

1:20 – **Phi Beta Epsilon** – ***** FRESH FRUIT SMOOTHIES, strawberries, cherries, banana, orange!

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

2:00 – **Fenway House** – My fry is astir. Stir-fry for vegetarians and meatetarians alike. Call I-F-R-Y-608.

2:00 – **Student House** – JELLO WRESTLING continues. Watch John "Message" Leffingwell take out a year's worth of frustrations on roommate Dan "One Eye" Dwyer. Not even Jerry has THIS!

2:28 – **Womens' Independent Living Group** – Looking for some good clean old-fashioned fun? Try your hand at Wilg's Taffy Pull – Okay, maybe it's not so clean... If that's not your style, you can make Femo Beads and Hemp Necklaces instead. Call us and we'll give you a ride, 253-6799 or 354-1263.

3:00 – **Alpha Delta Phi** – MarioKart. Perhaps .007 is more to your liking? What about Tetris Attacks, or the real-life Foozball? The billiards table is open, and we know you want fun! Call ADP at 576-VIDEO (576-2792).

3:00 – **Alpha Epsilon Pi** – To the park! Join us for fun and games, or just relaxing, at the Boston Commons. Call 247-3170 and we'll be happy to give you a lift.

3:00 – **Phi Beta Epsilon** – ***** HORSE BACK RIDING, want to learn? Come quick, spots are limited. If you've never done it before and want to try, now's the time to go HORSE BACK RIDING. It's free. It's fun. What more can you ask for?

3:00 – **Phi Delta Theta** – Chinatown Dinner. We'll take an excursion into downtown Boston to celebrate at one of Chinatown's finer dining establishments. Call 247-8691 for a ride.

3:00 – **Sigma Nu** – Trip to Goodtimes Entertainment Arena for billiards, arcade, batting cages and combat zone LASERTAG!!! And we mean real lasers folks... this is MIT after all.

3:00 – **Womens' Independent Living Group** – Want to make a splash around Boston? Join us for a Fountain Jumping tour! We leave soon, so hurry on over. Or, if having damp feet isn't your speed, we're still making Hemp and Femo Jewelry upstairs. Give us a ring for a ride at 253-6799 or 354-1263.

3:00 – **Zeta Beta Tau** – Come by the non-pledging brotherhood ZBT , grab a snack then hang out with brothers as we take some short-day trips around Boston Call Rick for Rides at 232-3257

3:01 – **Epsilon Theta** – Q: "O no, how do I get back to Epsilon Theta?" A: "Don the ruby slippers, click your heels together and say, There's No Place Like ET." Then call 3-8888 and you'll be there before you know it.

3:06 – **Number 6 Club** – esplanade picnic. enjoy soccer, blading, and frisbee along the charles then take a break for a late lunch with sixers. vans leave every 15 min until 4:36pm.

3:14 – **pika** – pika: we guarantee no evil clowns. Call 492-6983 for a safe haven.

3:15 – **Womens' Independent Living Group** – It's historical, it's beautiful, it's a great place to shop and it's being invaded by Wilg! We're taking a trip to Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market. We're leaving in 15 minutes. Call 253-6799 or 354-1263 for a ride.

3:20 – **Phi Beta Epsilon** – ***** FREE ICE CREAM!!! topped with FRESH FRUIT, As much as you can eat!

3:22 – **Tau Epsilon Phi** – Science Museum and Omnimax. Big kinetic sculptures that you aren't allowed to climb on and a musical stairwell (but not as cool as ours). Call for a ride at 262-5090.

3:28 – **pika** – Frisbee. Disc. Ultimate. Practice your throwing arm. Practice throwing your arm. Practice the mid-air between the teeth catch. Come play Frisbee in the park. Call 492-6983 for a ride in the flying saucer.

3:30 – **Epsilon Theta** – PINATA! We've found a vast supply of candy, but need some help getting to it. Spin around a few times and take a crack at trying to break the pinata. Call 3-8888 for a ride.

3:33 – **Fenway House** – What's one less than a zillion jillion kabillion? That's how many movies we still have. Call 437-1043 for a ride.

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

4:00 – **Alpha Delta Phi** – Jeff is lethal with his AR-33 rifle. Forrester's skill is unchallenged with the grenade launcher. How do you measure up? Call ADP at 576-SPYGAMES (576-2792).

4:00 – **Nu Delta** – DINNER AT CHARLEY'S. Dinner at one of our favorite restaurants. Give us a ring and we'll pick you up (437-7300).

4:00 – **Phi Beta Epsilon** – ***** BEACH, come hang out, play volleyball, make new friends at our BEACH PARTY! Relaaaxxxxxx under the sun! Bring your swimsuit!

4:01 – **Womens' Independent Living Group** – Are you good at communicating with pictures instead of words? Or, do you just like to scribble? Come play Pictionary with us! We'll let you join our team even if you have no artistic ability – hey, it's more fun that way... Call 253-6799 or 354-1263 and we'll come get you.

4:02 – **pika** – Clay molding with Moana. Mask making with Corrina. Puppet engineering with Max. Pottery throwing with The Wheel. Come to pika and let your creativity flow (make sure to clean it up afterwards). Call 492-6983

4:05 – **Nu Delta** – DINNER AT CHARLEY'S. Dinner at one of our favorite restaurants. Give us a ring and we'll pick you up (437-7300).

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4:30 – **Nu Delta** – DINNER AT CHARLEY'S. Dinner at one of our favorite restaurants. Give us a ring and we'll pick you up (437-7300).

4:34 – **Womens' Independent Living Group** – If you think a frisbee is just for simple tossing, then swing by Wilg to find out how much more there can be...Come run and throw with the gang in a heated game of Ultimate! If you want us to pick you up, call 253-6799 or 354-1263.

4:35 – **pika** – Sure you can mold things with your hands. Can you mold them with your feet? Oh yeah? Can you make spaghetti with your feet? Me too. Nobody really likes my spaghetti though. Help make a worthwhile meal at pika. 492-6983.

5:00 – **Student House** – Jello Wrestling is hard work and we're all famished. Are you hungry? Come on by for dinner, but don't try and eat as much as Susan and Kathleen – they're.... abnormal.

5:00 – **Zeta Beta Tau** – Come by the non-pledging brotherhood ZBT , grab a snack then hang out with brothers as we take some short-day trips around Boston. Call Rick for Rides at 232-3257

5:01 – **pika** – Stop everything! Jen is making dirt cups! Come watch the slew of oreos and puddin' set, and work up an appetite. 492-6983.

5:15 – **Zeta Beta Tau** – Come by the non-pledging brotherhood ZBT for a massive Mexican feast. That's right pile on the toppings as we load up monster burritos, fajitas, and quesidillas. Call Rick for Rides at 232-3257

5:25 – **Epsilon Theta** – DING! Dinner in five minutes.

5:30 – **Epsilon Theta** – DINNER. Another delicious meal, courtesy of our cook. Call us at 734-9211 for a ride.

5:44 – **Tau Epsilon Phi** – Dinner from Breshnev's. Eat Chinese food made by a former Soviet leader. Mmm... Worms & Slugs. Call 262-5090.

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

6:00 – **Alpha Delta Phi** – ADP Chinese Dinner. Hey, we're surrounded by Chinese restaurants, so what can we do but compete? Find out by calling 576-CHOP-SUEY (576-2792), and we'll pick you up faster than you could catch a fly with chopsticks.

6:00 – **Fenway House** – I yell! You yell! We all yell for TACO BELL!

6:00 – **Phi Beta Epsilon** – ***** DINNER, FRENCH CUISINE. You're invited to join us for dinner. Bring your appetites and stay for DESSERT! Want to see how good our food is at PBE? Don't miss this dinner...

6:00 – **Sigma Chi** – Spend the evening @ Walden Pond

6:01 – **Womens' Independent Living Group** – Got a craving for Chinese Food? Well swing on by and have your urges satisfied! Our buffet includes Sweet and Sour chicken, Vegetarian Lo Mein, Egg Rolls, and plenty of steamed rice! If you want us to swing the van by to get you, just call 253-6799 or 354-1263.

6:01 – **Fenway House** – That's right, folks, we're having a fast food tour of Boston, featuring bite-sized samplings at our local McDonalds, Burger King, Dunkin' Donuts, and the king of fried styrofoam twists and "Mexican pizza." Call I-F-R-Y-608 for a fast ride.

6:10 – **Epsilon Theta** – "MIT in five minutes!" Do you want to go to the Activities Midway? So do we! Grab your things and prepare to board the big green van.

6:15 – **Epsilon Theta** – Joung-Mo yells, "MIT out back now, does anybody care?" Hey, wait, don't trample the driver!

6:15 – **Zeta Beta Tau** – Come by the non-pledging brotherhood ZBT for a massive Mexican feast. That's right pile on the toppings as we load up monster burritos,fajitas,and quesidillas. Call Rick for Rides at 232-3257

6:26 – **pika** – Come meet Mr. Matt. Come meet Mr. Meat. Either way, dinner will never be the same for you. Always a vegetarian option too. Call 492-6983 for a ride in the carrot car.

6:36 – **Number 6 Club** – make-your-own pizza. come in and chat with jim the cook and he might let you toss the dough.

6:58 – **pika** – Did you eat too much? Too bad! You're gonna have some dirt cups anyways! Call 492-6983 for a ride to pika, where resistance is futile.

7:00 – **Alpha Delta Phi** – Fortune Cookies! Well, I'm sure there's more to dinner than that, but if you don't hurry, that's all that will be left! Call 576-LUCKY-NUMBERS-ARE-2792 (576-2792) for a ride.

7:00 – **Student House** – So it's no one's BIRTHDAY in particular. That doesn't mean we have to miss out on the fun of smashing a pinata, eating cake and ice cream, and playing silly games (not to imply that Tic Tac Throw doesn't require skill and finesse).

7:00 – **Phi Beta Epsilon** – ***** DESSERT! It's a surprise, but it'll be good. Trust us–this dessert is one of our chef's specialties!

7:15 – **Zeta Beta Tau** – Come by the non-pledging brotherhood ZBT for a massive Mexican feast. That's right pile on the toppings as we load up monster burritos,fajitas,and quesidillas. Call Rick for Rides at 232-3257

7:22 – **Tau Epsilon Phi** – It's time to feel the funk. Bring your instruments, or just come over and use some of ours. We'll hang out, be cool, and maybe play a little impromptu Rock Music. Blues Jam at TEP. 262-5090

7:33 – **Womens' Independent Living Group** – What? Hungry again? Join us for the best Sundae Bar in town, with Toscanini's, the official ice cream of Wilg! Choose your own combination of fabulous flavors and tantalizing toppings. Call 253-6799 or 354-1263 anytime.

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

8:00 – **Fenway House** – Who ya gonna call? FenBusters! (Dun-na-na-na-na-nah!). Whatcha gonna call? 437-1043!

8:00 – **Phi Delta Theta** – Oh no! Someone murdered our Rush chair!!! The scene of the crime: a historic house in Back bay Boston. The suspects: us. The detective: YOU! Call 247-8691 for a ride.

8:00 – **Student House** – Hey, the Birthday Party is still going on? Whose birthday? Find out at 9 when we give away the birthday present.

8:13 – **pika** – Feeling blue? Green? Gold? Want to BE blue, green, or gold? We've got the non-toxic colors of the rainbow, and they're all over our legs, arms and faces. Join in the joviality. 492-6983.

8:30 – **Theta Delta Chi** – Lounge lizards and ladies converge upon TDC for the sequel to last year's smashing success. Swing and tango with style and meet the swankest cats in town. Decor is always impeccable. Dress is always tantilizing.

9:00 – **pika** – Churn 'til it burns! Well, you can't really burn it- it's ice-cream. Come lend a hand in the homemade ice cream extravaganza.

9:00 – **Student House** – One lucky birthday person will win the birthday present.... of course, he or she will have to wear the birthday hat.

9:01 – **Womens' Independent Living Group** – Now showing... Wilg's Movie Marathon. There's soda, popcorn, and lots of fun. Chick Flicks or Boy Toys – two simultaneous shows to choose from! Come join is in front of the big screen. Call 253-6799 or 354-1263 for a ride.

9:10 – **Epsilon Theta** – Ok, who wants to head back to ET for more Sheer and Utter Randomness? Gather up, everybody!

9:22 – **Fenway House** – NEWS FLASH! We discovered a UFO landing site before the Weekly World News! Come with us to make journalistic history. Call for a UFO ride. 437-1043

9:22 – **Tau Epsilon Phi** – Like to put stuff in other stuff and then eat it? Great! Come over to TEP for some dessert fondue. Fresh fruit covered in chocolate, caramel, and maybe even butterscotch! Call 262-5090 for a ride on the sweet tooth express.

9:44 – **Fenway House** – The Fantastic Fenway Movie Miracle Madness Film Festival Redundancy Extravaganza continues!!! 437-1043

9:49 – **pika** – Never had good luck with pets? How about paper ones? Come made animals, bowls, small automobiles, and friends out of paper. Learn origami with Alex. Teach origami to Alex. Whatever you do – don't feed her after midnight! 492-6983

10:00 p.m. – 12:00 midnight

10pm- **Alpha Epsilon Pi** – Bowling... the sport of champions, and the most fun you can have in rented shoes. 247-3170 for the express ride to the lanes.

10:00- **Epsilon Theta** – EVENING CROQUET. Join us for croquet in the park. Or should we say, croquet in the dark? Don't worry, we don't remember the rules either. Call 3-8888 for a ride.

10:00 – **Phi Beta Epsilon** – ***** NIGHT on the TOWN, how much ICE CREAM can you eat? Come ice cream store hopping with us down Newbury. Meet all of us and make some new friends!

10:00 – **Phi Delta Theta** – Everyone knows that after dinner comes dessert. Wait until you see what we have planned for you! Call 247-8691 for a ride.

10:00 – **Student House** – Mmmmm.... chocolate.

10:00 – **Womens' Independent Living Group** – Chat with your new friends in a swanky java environment! We're going to a Harvard Square Coffeehouse and we would love for you to join us. If you want a lift to the house, just call 253-6799 or 354-1263.

10:00 – **Zeta Beta Tau** – Still Hungry? Come by ZBT, hang out with brothers and grab that late-night snack to ease your cravings. Call Rick for Rides at 232-3257

10:06 – **Number 6 Club** – join us for some good conversation and some yummy capuccino at one of boston's many coffee shops.

10:27 – **Fenway House** – Synchronized Twister. (But I...) Call for a writhe. 437-1043

10:36 – **pika** – "Here the madness was divided up equally, and there was nothing left over for us to have our own lunatic" – Isabel Allende. Come share the wealth. 492-6983

11:00 – **Zeta Beta Tau** – Still Hungry? Come by ZBT, hang out with brothers and grab that late-night snack to ease your cravings. Call Rick for Rides at 232-3257

11:05 – **pika** – It's late. Think pika's too far to travel at this hour? No worries – just head over to the nearest cluster and check out our web page: http://web.mit.edu/zelda/www/pictures/pictures.html See you tomorrow.

11:59 – **East Campus** – Our residents can beat up their residents.

Midnight and Beyond

12:05 – **Fenway House** – Air Supply Festival! We have nitrogen, oxygen, carbon dioxide and other scattered molecules. Only while supplies last! Call for a sigh. 437-1043

3:33 – **Fenway House** – Egad! What do you mean I failed the Turing test?!?!?!?!?!

The Daily Confusion

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All Day

Epsilon Theta – Need a ride to ET? Just call us at 734-9211 or 3-8888 for a ride. Still plenty of activities to choose from. We can't wait to meet you.

Fenway House – Come tie-dye with us. We have T-shirts, socks and dye. Call for a ride: 437-1043.

Theta Chi – It's still not too late to meet our brothers. Stop by anytime or give us a call for a ride at 267-1801.

6:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

6:17 – **Random House** – Why wake up early for breakfast, when you can stay up for it instead? We've got a mural to finish, movies to watch, and plenty of caffeine to keep you awake.

6:47 – **Random Hall** – Our deskworkers have not slept for 48 hours. Come listen to them talk about the number 17 in a desparate attempt to stay awake.

7:17 – **Random Hall** – Ever felt like eating an entire box of Froot Loops, one color at a time? Come have a nice quiet breakfast at Random Hall with the nicest bunch of freaks you'll ever meet.

7:47 – **Random Hall** – Watch 2 sleep deprived nerds play with an egg beater. Some may call it chaos, but we call it breakfast.

7:55 – **Next House**- Yet another fruit, cereal, and bagel breakfast courtesy of Next House – last chance for free food at Next 'til Wing Rush.

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

8:00 – **Fraternity and Independent living group bids may be accepted.**

8:00 – **Alpha Delta Phi** – Come over for stuffed omelette breakfast! Stay for lunch. Stay for dinner. Heck, maybe you'll stay for four years. Call 576-EGG-INESS (576-2792) and we'll have a car at your door in no time. Roughly. Maybe.

8:00 – **Alpha Epsilon Pi** – Haven't eaten all night? Come on by AEPi for a big, filling, breakfast. Call 247-3170 for your ride.

8:00 – **Baker House** – FREE FOOD!!! It might be the last time you hear that for a while, so stop by BAKER HOUSE for some donuts and juice before decision time.

8:00 – **Burton-Conner** – Breakfast bright and early! Pancakes, cereal, bagels- certainly enough to fill you up with your favorite foods. Phone 253-3261 for assistance or come to Burton-Conner, 410 Memorial Dr.

8:00 – **Burton-Conner** – For you early people our tours are still going on, so come and see what's up at Burton-Conner! We're one of the most interesting dorms at a location not far away from school. Phone 253-3261 for assistance or come to Burton-Conner, 410 Memorial Dr.

8:00 – **Burton-Conner** – Last chance to catch a couple of movies before rush ends! Join us for the Movie Marathon and an enthusiastic viewing of our extensive collection of movies. Phone 253-3261 for assistance or come to Burton-Conner, 410 Memorial Dr.

8:00 – **East Campus** – A naked blonde walks into a bar with a poodle under one arm and a 2ft salami under the other. She lays the poodle on the table. Bartender says, "I suppose you won't be needing a drink." Blonde says-

8:00 – **Epsilon Theta** – BREAKFAST. More Cereal Than You Have Ever Seen. Call 3-8888 for a ride.

8:00 – **MacGregor** – It's almost over. Hurry and take a tour of MacGregor before it's too late. Stop by any time!!

8:00 – **MacGregor** – Tired of Rush?? Relax and watch a movie at MACGREGOR. Stop by any time and pick one of your favorite movies to watch from our huge video collection.

8:00 – **MacGregor** – Start your day at MACGREGOR. We've got cereal, fruits, donuts, milk, juice, bagels and cream cheese for breakfast.

8:00-11:00 – **McCormick** – ANOTHER FREE BREAKFAST in McCormick's glass corridor! Last chance to check us out!

8:00 – **Phi Delta Theta** – Pancake Breakfast. Feast your heart out on another stack of flapjacks buried under a mound of mouth-watering fruit compotes. Call 247-8691 for a ride.

8:00 – **Zeta Beta Tau** – Get up to a MADE-TO-ORDER breakfast at ZBT. That's right whatever your heart desires. Choose from a variety of pancakes from the traditional buttermilk, blueberry, chocolate-chip and fruit varities, to exotic combinations that you create such as apple-cinnamon. Call Rick for Rides at 232-3257

8:01 – **Womens' Independent Living Group** – Join us to eat like the French! Our Petit Dejeuner includes croissants, baguettes, preserves, fruit, cheeses, quiche, and, of course, coffee... Call 253-6799 or 354-1263 for a ride. Or, run on over in your athletic clothes and join us for Aerobics before you eat!

8:05 – **East Campus** – Someone got up to serve you breakfast. You'd better eat it.

8:05 – **Zeta Beta Tau** – You thought ZBT just had pancakes! Nope we have potatoes, sausages, bacon, bagels, donuts, eggs, fresh juices, coffee, danishes, muffins, fruit, and other breakfast delights. Finally if all this doesn't satisfy our cook will make up some fresh omelettes filled with the stuffings that you crave. Everything will be made on the fly by our cook, Karen. Call Rick for Rides at 232-3257

8:06 – **East Campus** – "Uh, Dick? Excuse me, Rich? Will milk be made available to us?"

8:17 – **Random Hall** – Come join us for breakfast and watch our resident breakfast mistress Delphine prepare a fine breakfast smorgasboard. Rumors of residents making Smorg are greatly exaggerated.

8:36 – **Number 6 Club** – petit dejeuner. crepes, gourmet coffee, bagels, muffins, fruit...

8:59 – **Womens' Independent Living Group** – Remember watching muppets as kid? There's plenty of humor for adults, too! A Muppet Marathon is starting in our TV room as you read this! Hurry on over and join the laughs. Our French Breakfast is still being served... If you need a ride, call 253-6799 or 354-1263.

8:47 – **Random Hall** – Join the cultists of Random Hall as we try to open a gateway to the 5th layer of Hell to bring on the glory of Mojo, Greater Daemon of the Planes.

8:53 – **plka** – Day 4 of rush. But who's really counting? Come have a big bowl of cereal while it's still fresh. Call 492-6983 and Snap, Crackle, and Pop on over.

9:00 – **Alpha Delta Phi** – Omelette breakfast continues at ADP. Just ask our cook, Bob Mack, what you'd like in your breakfast, and in seconds, it will lie before you, ready to be eaten. Call 576-DESIGNER-FOODS (576-2792) for rides.

9:00 – **Baker House** – DONUTS!!!! We still have donuts here at BAKER HOUSE, but we might not

for long. Come by for a last minute tour or just to say 'hi'.

9:00 – **Epsilon Theta** – What do you want to do? Jigsaw puzzles or Mad Libs? Play a game or swing in the park? Take a walk or read the morning paper, or just hang out with us and be random. Call 3-8888 for a ride.

9:00-12:00 – **Sigma Nu** – Breakfast of Champions v. 3.0 THE BACON IS BACK! Canadian back bacon is here. Good, eh?

9:00 – **Spanish House** – Come and enjoy breakfast at SPANISH HOUSE!!!! We're having Waffles, Pancakes, Fruits, and other great stuff, running till 11. Last Chance, so definitely don't miss it!!!

9:00 – **Student House** – Breakfast is the most important meal in the day, so come spend it with us!

9:00 – **Theta Delta Chi** – Get bold and go for the plates and cups. Better bring your backpack to breakfast.

9:00 – **Zeta Beta Tau** – You have never experienced breakfast till you've had a ZBT breakfast at the non-pledging powerhouse of excellence. Read our 8 a.m entry for a glimpse at the all you can eat feast. You're unlikely to find breakfast better anywhere and believe or not this isn't much different than a typical ZBT breakfast during the semester. Call Rick for Rides at 232-3257

9:11 – **East Campus** – "I want to be just like you. I figure all I need is a lobotomy and some tights."

9:12 – **East Campus** – "You wear tights?"

9:13 – **East Campus** – "No. I do not wear tights. I wear the required uniform."

9:14 – **East Campus** – "Tights."

9:15 – **East Campus** – "Shut up."

9:15 – **Spanish House** – Stop stressing about where you're going to live...Come eat breakfast at SPANISH HOUSE!!!

9:17 – **Random Hall** – Watch Shannon eat four bowls of cocoa frosted flakes- we're still having breakfast. We're always having breakfast! Mwahahahaha!!!

9:22 – **Tau Epsilon Phi** – Custom Omelettes. Lux interior. Power Windows. AM-FM sausage. Our imported short French order cooks...our short-order French imports...order cooks. They'll make whatever your heart desires. Call 262-5090 for a ride.

9:30 – **Deutsches Haus** – Obligatorisches Frühstück. Während dem Essen werden wir darüber sprechen wie es ist im Deutchen Haus zu wohnen. Alle Fragen über das Deutche Haus werden beantwortet. Dieses Frühstück ist obligatorisch für Alle die im Deutchen Haus wohnen wollen.

9:30 – **German House** – Mandatory Brunch. During breakfast, we'll be talking about what it's like living in German House. Any questions you have about DH will be answered. This meeting is mandatory if you wish to live in German House.

9:30 – **Fenway House** – Marc's "down home Southern breakfast" with biscuits and gravy, sausage, and other arterial delusions. Call for a ride. Call I-F-R-Y-608.

9:43 – **Spanish House** – Don't forget....Last Chance for Breakfast at SPANISH HOUSE!!!!!

9:47 – **Random Hall** – We have a Black Hole on our 2nd floor, do you? Take a tour of the dorm and try not to get sucked in.

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

10:00 – **Baker House** – BAKER HOUSE, BAKER HOUSE, BAKER HOUSE!!!!! We're STILL here!!!!! Come by and visit before you make the Big Decision.

10:00 – **East Campus** – "How come Andrew gets to get up. If he gets up, we'll all get up, IT'LL BE ANARCHY!" Yes, someone is STILL around to give tours.

10:00 – **MacGregor** – Don't forget breakfast! Start your day at MACGREGOR. We've got cereal, fruits, donuts, milk, juice, bagels and cream cheese.

10:00 – **New House** – End rush right! End it in the dorm with the nicest people.

10:00 – **Phi Beta Epsilon** – ***** BREAKFAST, full continental breakfast complete with pancakes, waffles, fresh fruit, bacon, and eggs any way you want them.

10:00 – **Phi Delta Theta** – More relaxing with what promises to be one of the largest and most leisurely breakfasts you'll ever have. Call 247-8691 for a ride.

10:00 – **Spanish House** – Breakfast is still going on at LA CASA. Come meet some of the cool people who live here and have some great food at the same time.

10:00 – **Student House** – We've spent the past three days stuffing you with chocolate – now it's time to show you how we do it. FUDGE MAKING at Student House.

10:00 – **Zeta Beta Tau** – That's right were still serving up those delicious ZBT breakfasts. (See the 8a.m. description to catch a glimpse of the GREATEST BREAKFAST on campus) Even if you have had breakfast come by and hang out with brothers and the assortment of activities we have at the house. Call Rick for Rides at 232-3257

10:01 – **Womens' Independent Living Group** – Do those dreams keep slipping away as you're jolted awake

to another day of toiling? Well, you need to come visit us and make a Dream Catcher to hang above your bed! Give us a call at 253-6799 or 354-1263 if you want a ride to the fun.

10:08 – **Epsilon Theta** – Mammoths!

10:17 – **Random Hall** – Now less than 50 percent Satan worshipers! Look for the banner down Massachusetts Ave. Now offering tours, crafts, food, and the movie of your choice in the main lounge.

10:22 – **Spanish House** – Just got up? Come have a great breakfast at SPANISH HOUSE!!! We're having Waffles, Pancakes, Fruits, and other great stuff, running till 11. Last Chance, so definitely don't miss it!!!

10:22 – **Tau Epsilon Phi** – September Games! Come to TEP and join us as we

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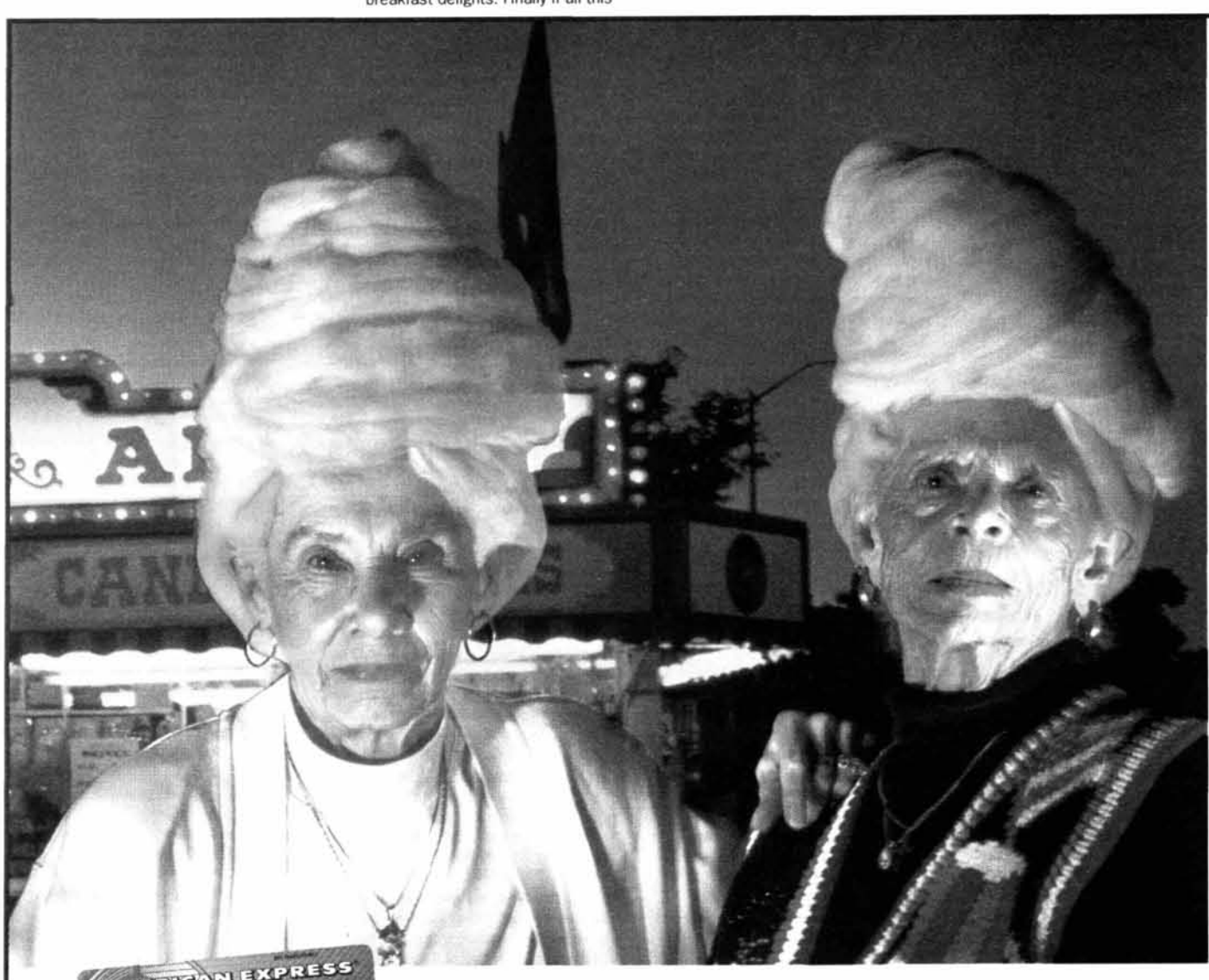

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